

**JOINT RENO CITY COUNCIL AND
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD
BRIEF OF MINUTES
September 23, 2009**

The Reno City Council and Redevelopment Agency Board held a joint meeting at 4:38 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

PRESENT: Councilpersons/Board Members Gustin, Zadra, Sferrazza, Dortch, Aiazzi and Hascheff and Mayor/Chairman Cashell.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Interim City Manager/Executive Director Dreska, Chief Deputy City Attorney Chase, Deputy City Attorney Jensen, City Clerk/Secretary Jones and Dick Scott (Chairman of the Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board).

A.1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – September 23, 2009.

It was moved by Councilperson/Board Member Hascheff, seconded by Councilperson/Board Member Dortch to approve the agenda.

Motion carried.

A.2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – September 9, 2009.

It was moved by Councilperson/Board Member Aiazzi, seconded by Councilperson/Board Member Hascheff to approve the minutes.

Motion carried.

A.3 PUBLIC COMMENT

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

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B.0 STANDARD DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- B.1 Staff Report: Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute and record a Quitclaim Deed for the transfer of APN 011-117-07, known as City Plaza, from the Redevelopment Agency to the City of Reno.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Agency Board approve and authorize the Chairman to execute and record the Quitclaim Deed for the transfer of City Plaza from the Redevelopment Agency to the City of Reno.

Councilperson/Board Member Aiazzi asked how the property was acquired.

John Hester, Director of Community Development/Redevelopment Administrator, said that the City purchased the property, and the transfer should have occurred several years ago.

It was moved by Councilperson/Board Member Aiazzi, seconded by Councilperson/Board Member Hascheff to uphold the staff recommendation.

Motion carried.

- B.2 Staff Report: Discussion and potential direction to staff regarding options for the Downtown Police District and the Downtown Maintenance District.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Council: 1) direct staff to continue utilizing the same funding and assessment method for the Downtown Police District and continue operation of the Downtown Police Special Assessment District (SAD) Committee as constituted; 2) direct staff to create and support a Downtown Maintenance SAD Committee similar to the Downtown Police SAD Committee; and 3) consider changing the service level/funding requirements and/or assessment method for either or both districts only upon recommendation of the respective tax district committee.

John Hester, Director of Community Development/Redevelopment Administrator, presented an overview of the Staff Report and recommendations, including the proposed formation of a Downtown Maintenance SAD Committee.

MAYOR/CHAIRMAN CASHELL ABSENT AT 4:39 P.M. ASSISTANT MAYOR/CHAIRMAN DORTCH PRESIDED IN MAYOR/CHAIRMAN CASHELL'S ABSENCE.

Councilperson/Board Member Aiazzi and Mr. Hester agreed that only a majority vote of the property owners can effect changes to the SADs, and discussed the possibility of facilitating a public meeting of the stakeholders.

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B.2 Discussion ... options for the Downtown Police District and the Downtown Maintenance District – continued

Jim Gallaway, 50 North Sierra #1011, suggested that the Downtown Police SAD was formed to tax commercial rather than residential properties, and Arlington Towers and Park Towers were excluded from the SAD for that reason. He said that the boundaries and rules of the Downtown Maintenance District are outdated, and a committee should be established to review and revise them.

Jay Thiel, representing the Downtown Improvement Association (DIA), presented a Public Comment Form, but did not speak.

Councilperson/Board Member Aiazzi asked if the City Council could dissolve the SADs.

Jon Shipman, Deputy City Attorney, responded that the Council could dissolve the SADs, but is not authorized to amend them.

Councilperson/Board Member Aiazzi asked Mr. Gallaway if the Downtown Police SAD should be dissolved.

Mr. Gallaway said that a study group should analyze the current SADs and, if a new district should be established, the old one should be dissolved.

Councilperson/Board Member Gustin and John Flansberg, Deputy Public Works Director, discussed the boundaries and frequency of the downtown street cleaning program.

It was moved by Councilperson/Board Member Aiazzi, seconded by Councilperson/Board Member Gustin to direct staff to form a Downtown Maintenance Special Assessment District Committee similar to the Downtown Police Special Assessment District Committee and comprised of downtown stakeholders. The Councilpersons/Board Members also directed that both committees (Police and Maintenance) address the concerns expressed by downtown residents.

Discussion ensued regarding the duties and makeup of the Police and Maintenance SAD committees.

Motion carried with Mayor/Chairman Cashell absent.

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MAYOR/CHAIRMAN CASHELL PRESENT AT 4:52 P.M.

C.0 Identification of Future Agenda items for the Redevelopment Agency Board meetings.

Councilperson/Board Member Sferrazza requested a report at the next meeting on the availability of office space in City Hall.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:54 P.M.